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For: **Textile Finishing Process**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX Patent Application
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to first action by the Examiner and calculation of the filing fee for the present divisional application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 1, lines 8-12 to read as follows:

-- The present application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/267,654 filed March 15, 1999, which was (a) a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/075,334, now U.S. Patent 5,885,303, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of prior pending application 60/046,298 filed May 13, 1997; and (b) a continuation-in-part of copending application 09/163,319, filed September 30, 1998.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-20.

Please add the following claims 21-33:

--21. (New) A method of treating a textile comprising fibers selected from the group consisting of cellulosic fibers, protein fibers and mixtures thereof, comprising the steps of:

(a) contacting the textile with a liquid composition comprising formalin in an amount sufficient to provide from 0.56% to 7.4%, on weight of fabric, formaldehyde, and

(b) heat curing the textile,
wherein the formalin comprises formaldehyde and water and wherein the textile is provided with a silicone elastomer.--

--22. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the fabric is unresinated.--

--23. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the liquid composition comprises formalin in an amount sufficient to provide from 1.11% to 7.4%, on weight of fabric, formaldehyde.--

--24. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the method further comprises the step of moistening the textile with a moistening solution comprising water prior to the step of contacting the fabric with liquid composition.--

--25. (New) A method according to claim 24, wherein the moistening solution further comprises a non-ionic wetting agent.--

--26. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the textile comprises rayon fibers, and wherein the textile exhibits decreased shine due to pressing.--

--27. (New) A method according to claim 26, wherein the liquid composition comprises formalin in an amount sufficient to provide from 2.96% to 7.4%, on weight of fabric, formaldehyde.--

--28. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the textile is a fabric comprising wool fibers, and wherein the liquid composition comprises formalin in an amount sufficient to provide from 1.48% to 7.4%, on weight of fabric, formaldehyde.--

--29. (New) A method according to claim 28, wherein prior to the step of contacting the fabric with the liquid composition the fabric is shrink proofed.--

--30. (New) A method according to claim 29, the fabric is shrink proofed by a treatment selected from the group consisting of chlorination, treatment with potassium permanganate, and treatment with hydrogen peroxide.--

--31. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the method further comprises the step of treating the fabric with a formaldehyde removing agent after the step of heat curing.--

--32. (New) A method according to claim 31, wherein the formaldehyde removing agent is an organic acid.--

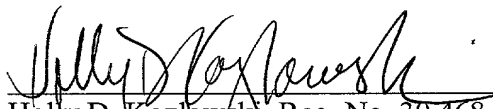
--33. (New) A method according to claim 21, further comprising the step of contacting the textile with catalyst.--

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REMARKS

The present application is a divisional application of application Serial No. 09/267,654. By the present Amendment, the specification is amended to recite the current priority information. A Version With Markings Showing Changes Made is attached. Claims 1-20 are cancelled and claims 21-33 are added. Claims 21-30 substantially correspond with claims 28-40, respectively, as presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed December 18, 2000 in parent application Serial No. 09/267,654, which were subject to restriction in the parent application in the Official Action dated March 8, 2001. It is believed that these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, whereby entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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